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RAILROAD WEIGHTS TO GOVERN SETTLEMENTS.

COURT ASKED TO UNTANGLE MATRIMONIAL DIFFICULTIES.

Men Appear to Secure Separation From Wives They Charge With Various Offenses.

CHASER HUBBY WITH RAZOR.

Life of One Made Burdensome by Wife's Actions and Another is Deserted Soon After Marriage—Magistrate Performs Ceremony.

UNIONTOWN, June 30.—Through his attorney George Patterson Riley Christopher, this morning filed a bill in divorce against his wife Daisy Christopher, charging her with serious misconduct and asking that he be granted a legal separation. The husband charges his wife with adulterous practices with a number of men but names James Miller as correspondent. The couple was married in Cumberland, Md., February 2, 1906, since which time they have been living at Death and Oliver. He says that she has made his life burdensome and dangerous. Recently at Uniontown she was committed to jail by Squire John Boyle on a charge of assault and battery.

Christopher sets forth that one of the woman's bad practices is the getting up at 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning and meeting other men. He also says she has the nasty habit of getting after him with a razor when she goes on one of her tantrums. His life he says is endangered by her and has become burdensome on account of her conduct.

Another dissatisfied couple is Stephen Stewart and Ada Stewart and a bill in divorce was this morning filed in their case by Attorney R. P. Kennedy. The husband sets forth that they were married June 8, 1902 and that they lived in Redstone township until February 10, 1904, when his wife deserted him and has since been living at Tower Hill.

Another matrimonial tangle that has not reached the divorce court is that of Mike Mendle and Hazel Pasor. Hazel had Mike arrested a few days ago on a parentage charge. He was locked up and was to be given a hearing this morning by Squire Boyle and the trouble was discussed. It was learned that both wanted to get married, but Hazel insisted upon having a priest perform the ceremony while Mike wanted a preacher. They had fussed and quarreled over the matter before and couldn't come to an understanding. Both of them, however, morning compromised upon a squaring and Magistrate John Boyle performed the ceremony after which the man was released and both of them went away happy.

OBJECTED TO BOARD; SHOT BY LANDLORD.

Mt. Pleasant Man May Die as a Result of Finding Fault With Boarding House.

MT. PLEASANT, Pa., June 26.—Because he made uncomplimentary remarks in regard to the board he was receiving for \$3 per month Angelo Costabile, an Italian laborer, was perhaps fatally shot by his landlord Nicola Visconti, last evening and now lies in a critical condition at the Memorial hospital.

Visconti rents a small, one-story frame dwelling at 215 East Washington street, in the rear of Walter Shurtz residence, and has been in the habit of keeping two boarders to help defray the living expenses of his family. The boarder decided to leave for more spacious quarters. Costabile took upon himself the task of informing Visconti that they were going to leave and their reasons for so doing. An argument started as to settling the present loan, but Visconti rushed into an adjoining room and secured a revolver and returning with a .38-caliber, the bullet which was of the caliber, taking effect in the right side above the lung.

The victim was taken to the hospital at where Dr. Crosby provided for the bullet which was found near the right lobe of his lung. Visconti in the meantime made good his escape through a back window and started south from town on the Bessemer road for Scottdale. William Crivella followed him to the cut just south of town when Visconti discovered he was being followed turned back jilting his revolver threatened to shoot him if he came any further.

He notified the authorities at this place at once and they in turn notified the officers at Scottdale to be on the lookout as he was known to have friends at Kofertown, a suburb of Scottdale and will more than likely go there.

Gallagher—Kelly.

Miss Sadie Gallagher of Lower Kelly township and Albert Kelly of Scottdale were married at the home of the bride yesterday at high noon. Rev. B. F. Hanna of Vanderhill officiated over the immediate relatives of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will be a home to their friends in Scottdale.

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DOES NOT KNOW HIS SALARY.

Thomas Means Named as Union Township Principal But Salary Not Fixed.

Several weeks ago Thom Means was elected principal of the North Union township schools succeeding Earl D. Burner of Ohioople who occupied the position for three years, but the board is now deadlocked over the salary to be paid the new principal. Means was formerly principal at Leont and received \$90 per month, the same rate of pay that the township has been giving.

Dr. H. W. Means member of the board, and through whose influence Means was elected proposed that the new principal be paid \$10 per month for the full twelve months. Burner only received \$90 for the eight months term and this caused trouble. A vote on the question resulted in a tie and although the principal has been elected he does not know what his wages will be.

KEPHART AND SNOWDEN ARE DRY DELEGATES.

Their Name Certified to by National Prohibition Party for Columbus Convention.

UNIONTOWN, June 25.—Herman M. Kephart of Connelville and C. L. Snowden, are delegates to the National Prohibition convention which meets in Columbus July 15. William Lukens Congressional candidate today was shocked when he received official notification that the names of Snowden and Kephart had been regularly certified to and he knew in his heart that they were not prohibitionists.

Whether Snowden and Kephart will attend the convention is not known, but they will have the proper credentials for so doing. The mix up evidently occurred in the County Commissioners office where the names were certified, and instead of being going on the Republican tally sheet they were very likely inadvertently transcribed on the Prohibition sheets. As the two delegates have already attended the Republican convention at Chicago it is altogether probable that they will not have any hankering to go in for the Columbus show.

Mr. Lukens states that there are twenty delegates from Fayette county to the convention and these will leave on July 14th for Pittsburgh where a special water wagon train will carry them to Columbus to attend the convention on July 15.

TOWNSHIP BOARD TO ENLARGE SCHOOLS.

Increasing Number of Scholars Makes Additional Quarters Necessary at South Connelville.

Connelville township School Directors are getting busy with their preparations to take care of the increasing number of school children. At a meeting of the Board of the contract for the addition to the Humboldt school was let to D. F. Girard who is to complete the work in time for the fall term. The addition will be 25x10 feet and will add four rooms to the large structure.

This will help to relieve the congestion of the Gibson schools considerably. South Connelville has been growing rapidly as many "retroilers" and workmen have purchased properties there and have built very comfortable homes. It practically has every convenience now, the taxes are lower and building lots cheaper than in many sections.

POLICE GIVE UP THEIR JOBS.

Uniontown Officers Resign Before Charges Are Heard.

HEATED SESSION IS HELD.

Citizens Appear Before Police Committee to Make Charges Against Officers—Plea of Men That Hours Are Too Long.

UNIONTOWN, June 26.—The town lost its negro policeman last night when Henry Douglas Joseph Hager and assistant chief of police Charles Betts laid their badges before the Police Committee and gave up their jobs. Douglas and Hager were under fire for unbecoming conduct, but there were no charges against Officer Betts.

All stated that they worked 12 hours and considered the job of policing that number of hours as hard work. Before Hager and Douglas resigned however it was pointed out that this position would be made of their case, as the evidence on the charges brought against them was strong. Burgess Warner inquired that there would be more charges preferred against other officers and a general tearing up of the force is indicated.

Immediately after the hearings and the resignations a meeting of Council was held and the resignations promptly accepted. The Police Committee then appointed Russ Jackson assistant chief of police. George Brown and John Sers, to fill the vacancies.

The meeting was not very debatable. The charges were made against Hager by Councilman Magee and Henry Douglas the negro by Charles H. Gooley. Hager contended that Magee was drunk on several occasions and had bullied him but he did not deny the charges. The main Magee contended having been drunk and the thing was threatened but a forward between he and Magee.

Gooley testified that Officer Douglas had used vile and unbecoming language to him the postoffice. He said that he went into the postoffice and saw Douglas there reading a letter. He made what he thought was a humorous remark but Douglas was angry and following him upon the street used most abusive language. Douglas talked quite freely and in a homesick manner. He was refused to give a definite answer but he refused to say everything that he wanted to say at the meeting. The indignity and embarrassment of the police force has turned in the entire town and most citizens agree that it was time for a shakeup.

WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR CONTEMPT.

Justice Mestrezat's Opinion Indicates Supreme Court Reversal.

VICTORY FOR CORPORATIONS.

Fined \$5,000 for Contempt in Not Abating One Dues Nuisance. They Are Relieved of the Fine, It Being Contended Honest Effort Was Made.

The dissenting opinion of Justice L. Mestrezat of Fayette county in the opinion of the supreme court, late to the opinion of the district court, which has been pending in Pittsburgh for about four years, coming general discussion among the legal community has been discussing the (typical) The Supreme Court is regarded as having a reversed the contempt fine of the corporation is in the opinion of Judge Mestrezat. He says:

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BEAR RUN.

BEAR RUN, June 26.—Miss Mary McArthur of Fayette county, who was Mrs. Mary McArthur of the place for a few days.

Mrs. Wm. Burnworth was shopping in Connelville Monday and Tuesday. Angus Skelton of Mt. Union was a business caller at D. H. Hunsicker's.

George Meier, president of the Fayette County Club of Pittsburg was here over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary McArthur was visiting friends and relatives at Connelville.

William McArthur of Connelville was the guest of Jesse J. Hunsicker at his home Sunday.

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One of the greatest needs of the coal industry of today is a practical plan of classification whereby the engineer, the operator, and the dealer can at once determine the kind of coal he mines and places on the market and which he can so describe that others may know precisely what he means. This is particularly true of the low grade coals of the West, where the terms "lignite," "lignite coal" and "black lignite" are so loosely used at the present time, that it is impossible to tell what they mean.

In a general way the trade recognizes two great groups of coals below the bituminous class. The most valuable of these groups is closely allied to bituminous coal. In fact the two groups merge one into the other by insensible gradations. These coals are black, frequently of brilliant lustre, and are commonly known as black lignite, lignitic coal or lignite. As a rule they contain more moisture than the bituminous coals and less than those belonging to the next lower group, but the moisture content varies so irregularly and depends so much upon the condition of the sample at the time of analysis that it is not a safe criterion upon which to base a distinction.

The lower group is brown in color, generally woody in texture, and is known as lignite, brown lignite or brown coal.

The demand for appropriate names for these groups became so imperative during the past year that a conference was held by all geologists by the United States Geological Survey interested in the subject of coal to decide, if possible, of what names should be used in the publications of that bureau. After considerable discussion it was decided to drop lignite in all its forms as applied to the group of coals next below the grade of bituminous, for the reason that in no sense are these coals woody, as the name lignite implies, and also because the term lignite or lignitic seems to indicate a poorer quality than these coals actually possess, and the term sub-bituminous was recommended and formally adopted by the Survey for all official publications.

Similarly, the term lignite was adopted for the lowest grade, restricting its use to those coals which are either actually woody in structure or closely approach wood in their composition. No attempt was made to define these terms other than that stated above, and the delimitation of the groups was deferred until further evidence could be obtained upon which to base a classification.

The names of the groups of coal, as recognized by the United States Geological Survey are, therefore, as follows:

1. Anthracite.
2. Semi-anthracite.
3. Semi-bituminous.
4. Bituminous.
5. Sub-bituminous.
6. Lignite.

Although groups 4, 5 and 6 are of the above scheme are in general sharp and distinct, they merge and their actual separation will always remain a matter of doubt. In general, however, they have certain characteristics which the writer believes will serve for all practical purposes as a means of their separation.

In dealing with these low grade coals it has been the practice of many mining engineers and geologists to class all coal as lignite if they show a brown streak. This mode of classification is very objectionable, since it brings together all of groups 5 and 6, and includes many coals which the writer believes should be considered as belonging to group 4.

The criterion upon which the writer proposes to separate bituminous (4) from sub-bituminous (5) is solely that of weathering, a criterion which one may readily apply both to fresh and weathered coal, and, therefore, one that is at the command of the most inexperienced when once he has understood how to apply it.

The matter of weathering coal depends upon the degree of transformation or metamorphism that it has undergone. The writer believes that the progressive change in vegetable matter from wood to lignite and on through the various grades of coal noted above, while due to chemical changes induced by heat (ordinary temperatures), is controlled almost wholly by the escape of the gases that are the products of the chemical change. If the conditions are such that the escape of gases is unobstructed, the transformation will be rapid; but if the gases escape slowly the change in the coal will be correspondingly retarded. Gases escape through joint cracks and cleavage planes, therefore highly developed cleavage in a general way indicates high-grade coal.

The converse of this is generally true; namely, the absence of cleavage

is indicative of low-grade coal, either lignite or sub-bituminous.

Another difference, perhaps the one upon which the most dependence is to be placed, is the manner of fracture on drying. Coal as it comes from the mine always carries a variable amount of moisture, from which it will part readily upon exposure to a dry atmosphere. In parting with this moisture, cracks are formed which vary greatly with the kind of coal involved. In bituminous coal the cracks generally correspond with the cleavage, and fragments will remain prismatic in shape even though divided into particles scarcely visible to the eye. In exceptional cases sub-bituminous coal may have cleavage well developed, but, as a rule, it is poor, and shows only on the larger blocks. When lump coal of this character is exposed to dry air it cracks irregularly, and when the fragments separate they are irregular in outline.

The final criterion upon which the writer depends is the separation on weathering of the sub-bituminous coal into plates parallel with the bedding. This criterion is particularly valuable when applied to a badly weathered outcrop, for one can readily detect the little plates no matter how small they may be. So far as the writer has observed, this feature never shows in bituminous coal except in a small degree where the laminae of the coal are separated by films of earthy matter or of mineral charcoal.

The essential points of this paper may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The recognition of two kinds of coal below the grade of bituminous.
2. The restriction of the name lignite to the lowest grade, and the application of the name sub-bituminous to the highest grade, in conformity with the usage of the United States Geological Survey.
3. The recognition of weathering as the criterion for separating the sub-bituminous from the bituminous grade of coal.
4. Manner of weathering divided into two classes: (a) irregular breaking of sub-bituminous coal as opposed to cleaving into prisms of bituminous coal, and (b) separation along bedding planes into plates in sub-bituminous coal.
5. Separation of lignites from sub-bituminous coal on the basis of color, the former being brown and the latter black.—From article by Marius R. Campbell in Mines and Minerals for June.

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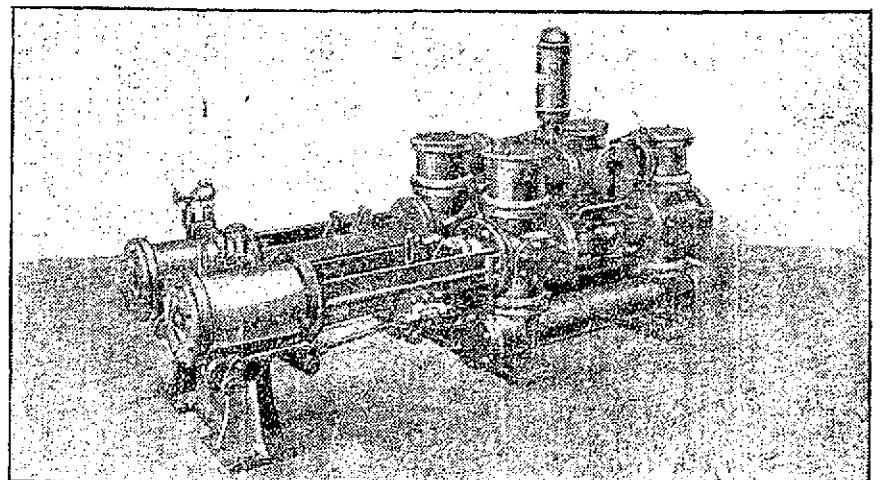
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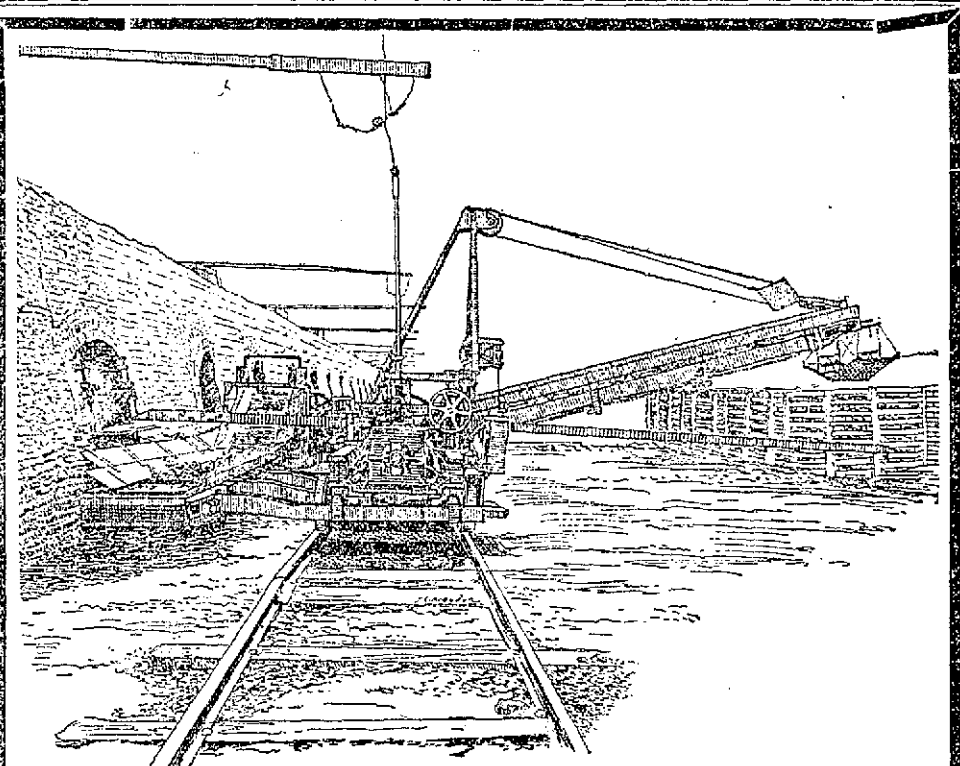
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